

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Draft Minutes
September 15, 2010**

The Commission discussed 28-2072 30 Sleepy Hollow Rd

The Commission discussed the special conditions for 30 Sleepy Hollow.

- Monitoring to be done two times in a 28 day cycle
- Dumpster to be tarped daily
- If fence to be replaced, it must be to dune standards
- Back up plan for cars, dumpster, etc to be submitted to commission
- Stairs need to remain open
- Snow fence to limit work and protect vegetation

Ann Jo Jackson made the motion to approve the Order with the above conditions.

The Motion was seconded by Charlie Anderson. The Commission voted unanimously 7-0 in favor.

The Commission discussed 28-2088- 25 Wingersheek Road

Chair Rob Gulla recused himself.

The Commission approved the Order with the Conditions submitted by Bill Manuell and the following conditions:

- The driveway delineated by post and rail fence,
- A crane set up without rigger pads

Barry Gradwohl made the motion to approve the Order with the above conditions. The motion was seconded by Arthur Socolow. The Commission voted 6-0 in favor.

Public Comment Period: No Comments.

Minutes Review:

Minutes approved through July 7, 2010, with the following changes:

June 16:

- Under the Gloucester High School, Mr Schuel's name is spelled wrong

July 7 meeting:

- 20 Bayberry, should state "as long as building inspector improves spacing on slats".
- Under MBTA, should be "to test soil structure for constructability"
- Commissioner Comments John Feener's last name needs to be corrected
- Sleepy Hollow: my comment because of the proximity of the dunes
- 114 Eastern Pt Blvd, should read "48 inch DBH oak"

Barry Gradwohl made a motion to approve minutes through July 7 with the suggested changes.

John Feener seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously to approve.

New-, 134 & 136 Hesperus Avenue, Notice of Intent submitted by John Ferraro, to conduct site improvements for a new subdivision including; drainage, utilities, and roadway in buffer to an inland resource area. (Map 190 lots 41 & 61).

Arthur made a motion to continue until the October 6 meeting. Charlie seconded it. The Commission voted 7-0 in favor of continuing.

B. New-, 58 Shore Road, Notice of Intent submitted by Douglas Reny, to repair 4 existing concrete piles that support a structure in a coastal resource area. (Map 166 lot 13).

Isaac Rowe, Mill River Consulting: We are here to repair concrete pilings that support existing dwelling. The property line is the dwelling; there is no land outside the footprint. There are eight total pilings, the applicant is proposing to repair six, and they won't repair those closest to the road. Structural engineer will make the repair. Showed the mean high water mark. The building was rebuilt in 1992 after the perfect storm; at the time did not it need a chapter 91 license, but will be filing a formal request to see if it is needed. Mr. Rowe showed examples of cracks in pilings in photos. There was a site visit with Jim Caulkett, Dave Sargent and Lisa Press at the end of August. Everyone at site visit agreed this qualified as Emergency Certificate.

Mr. Rowe stated that they also applied for Emergency Order under waterways and received that last week. They are within a day of getting a contractor.

They will be removing chipped concrete and reapplying concrete substance in its place and wrapping piers with a waterproof wrap. They have developed protection area to be built in and around the house and pilings. It is essentially a plywood platform with tarps to capture the concrete debris. All debris will be removed on a daily basis. Project will take from 3 to 5 weeks. It can only happen in weather above freezing. The building inspector has also deemed this as an emergency.

Commission Comments:

Mr. Gradwohl suggested a boom.

The agent suggested the applicant stop cutting on coastal bank. Applicant explained his wife has extreme allergies and in the late summer must cut some of the vegetation.

Rob Gulla asked: Can you replace the pilings one at a time?

Isaac, two will be wrapped, four will be repaired. The inside of the piling is still good; it is two to three inches of the outside that is no good.

John Feener: What made the pilings crack?

Isaac Rowe: The thought is that it wasn't allowed to cure properly.

John Feener: It could happen in other areas too. Please document why it's cracking. Will there be a tarp around the base of the pilings? Can the base of pilings be wrapped with plastic beneath or can use bands?

Isaac: Yes will use bands, those will be tight.

Property Owner: There is nothing wrong with the cement in terms of the cement in terms of its chemistry, the cement was wet and allowed more penetration of the water and allowed the iron to expand. If it had been water tight wrapping we would not be here today.

Ann Jo made a motion to approve.

Charlie Anderson seconded it.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve.

17 Page Street, Notice of Intent submitted by Barbara Bruns, to install subsurface utility services and to replace existing drainage culvert in buffer to an inland resource area. (Map 74 lots 34, 36).

John Judd: This is a project to extend utilities as a result of the recent sewer installation into Page St. A stub was left on Page St as well as a water connection. The driveway is crossed by a seasonal intermittent ditch and there is bordering vegetated wetland associated with the seasonal ditch. It is an old stone culvert and will crumble. We will put in a plastic HPDE and will go underneath with the utilities. The ditch gets seasonal runoff and they have erosion control on down gradient side. The asphalt will be patched after work is done.

The agent stated she wants the applicant to maintain same elevation of culvert. Work should be done during the dry season

Rob Gulla stated he would like the agent and John Judd to be on site at the same time culvert is placed to make sure it is the correct height.

John Feener asked the applicant if he was leaving the Norway maple.

John Feener asked for the agent to take a photo of preexisting culvert, so we can match photos to new one.

Conditions:

1. photos
2. John Judd and agent be present
3. Dry season
4. Culvert to remain the same height.

John Feener made a motion to approve with the listed conditions.

Barry Gradwohl seconded it.

The Commission voted unanimously in favor.

New- 15 Horton Street, Notice of Intent submitted by Ginger Attaya, to install 4 wood piles to support a float and to replace existing deck supports in a coastal resource area. (Map 128 lot 23).

John Judd said that the initial Notice of Intent for this float had said 4 new supports, however, after site visit with harbormaster, shellfish warden and the agent, it was recommended that they mimic their neighbors with one pile on the northerly side.

The float and ramp were already permitted when the applicant filed last year. OoC is still valid. The new filing was to add pilings for stability and to repair pilings to existing deck.

Showed vertical timbers that will be replaced. Concrete supports will remain. Nothing has increased as far as size of the float.

Rob Gulla: We've gone from four pilings to one and three replacements under the existing deck. Is this a new Notice? Did they close the other one out? I remember we had some rigorous meetings about this site. It is a sensitive site and tight site.

John Judd the only outstanding item is the gangway and float for that first filing. The other things have been completed.

John Feener: Please note this won't extend the pre existing NOI.

The agent stated that it was recommended that the gangway has a pivot like the neighbors.

Public: Ted Williams, 17 Horton St: heard mention of Ch 91 license. Is project seeking one?

John Judd currently have one (are seeking?) for dwelling and deck, will look for one for that one support

Ted Williams: I been to Salem and did not find one.

John Judd: It is license #6298,

Ted Williams: It is not valid if registered with deed.

Rob Gulla stated the Ch 91 license can be dealt with as a condition. John needs to give us a document.

Conditions:

- No pressure treated,
- Universal hinge.
- Proof of Chapter 91

Barry Gradwohl made a motion to approve with the above conditions.

Ann Jo Jackson seconded it.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve.

Myrtle Square: Minor Modification

Jay McNiff: Explained road shifted two feet away from resource area, utilities will be going where road was supposed to be.

LP: have not done the mitigation planting in the spring

Jay McNiff: We are working on it, will be coming before you soon.

John Feener: anything we can do to prevent trash from going into wetland, where guard rail is. I would like it on the record allot of trash

Rob Gulla: Were there trash controls in original order?
JM maintenance in original, maintenance released to trustees

Rob Gulla asked if Mr. McNiff could get the name of trustee to agent to follow up on cleaning.

Ann Jo Jackson made a motion to approve
Barry Gradwohl seconded it.
The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minor modification.

15 Walker Street, Christopher Murphy & Karen Anastasia, to replace septic system in buffer to inland resource area. (Map 239 lot 17).

Christopher Murphy, property owner presented, Health Department has told him that they need to replace septic system.

There will be no tree removal. There is an old cess pool in front of the house.

John Feener asked the homeowner to document any trees before they are removed.

Arthur Socolow made a motion to approve.
Charlie Anderson seconded it.
The Commission voted unanimously to approve.

Amend-28-1873- 19 Harbor Loop, National Grid to amend an existing Order of Conditions to conduct additional soil samplings in a coastal resource area. (Map 9 lot12, 1, 14, 16, 19 & 25).

Ken Lento, National Grid, explained that they are back because the Harbormaster and Shellfish needed to see it, they have now. Everyone was for it.

Ann Jo Jackson made a motion to approve.
Barry Gradwohl seconded it
The Commission voted unanimously to approve.

Continuation- 28-2034- 99A Essex Ave- Notice of Intent submitted by David Hill, Gloucester Hotel LLC, to construct a 15, 940, 00 sq. ft. commercial building, a 1,710 sq. ft canopy with associated excavation, foundation and utilities and parking area in riverfront and coastal bank resource area. (Map 216 lots 1, 17 &126)

Applicant has requested continuation to October 6, 2010.

John Feener made a motion to continue.
Barry Gradwohl seconded the motion.
The Commission voted unanimously in favor.

Requests for Certificates of Compliance

28-1744 67 Riverview Rd
28-1888 28 Kent Rd
28-2028 50 Presson Point Rd

Ann Jo Jaskson made a motion to approve.
Barry Gradwohl made a motion to approve.
The Commission voted unanimously to approve the three CoCs.

The Commission discussed the Tally Violation at the corner of Essex and Stanwood Pt.

Atty. Michael Faherty was there to represent the property owner. Mr. Faherty asked the agent to give order to stabilize slope. He asked for it to be a condition that a professional engineer be present. John Judd will be present

Mr. Faherty stated that he had a discussion with the MBTA and DPW director Mike Hale. The MBTA wants the berm of unconsolidated material to be taken out. We will leave it to the contractor to take that out. This would get rid of sediment source. Mr Tally gave them permission to come in and across his property. They will also take out material piled up along the tree.

They will be filing a plan within the next week that will have a deadline for us.

Ann Jo Jackson made a motion to adjourn.
Charlie Anderson seconded it.
The Commission unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:38pm.